

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1078

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 1997

Ms. RIVERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF POLY-**  
4       **CHLORINATED BIPHENYLS FOR DISPOSAL.**

5       (a) PROHIBITION.—The Administrator of the Envi-  
6       ronmental Protection Agency shall prescribe a rule under  
7       section 6(e)(1) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15  
8       U.S.C. 2601 et seq.) to prohibit the importation into the

1 United States for disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls, or  
2 polychlorinated biphenyl items, at concentrations of 50  
3 parts per million or greater.

4 (b) EXCEPTION.—

5 (1) PETITION.—The Administrator may use the  
6 authority under section 6(e)(3) of the Toxic Sub-  
7 stances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2605(e)(3)) to ac-  
8 cept and consider petitions to exempt from the pro-  
9 hibition prescribed under subsection (a) specific  
10 transboundary shipments into the United States for  
11 disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls, or poly-  
12 chlorinated biphenyl items, at concentrations of 50  
13 parts per million or greater.

14 (2) REPORT.—In any case in which the Admin-  
15 istrator grants an exemption pursuant to such a pe-  
16 tition, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a  
17 report containing notice of the exemption and the  
18 reasons for the exemption. The exemption may not  
19 take effect until the expiration of the 60-day period  
20 beginning on the date the report is received by Con-  
21 gress.

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